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In re Patent Application of)
Stefan ROSE-JOHN) Group Art Unit: 1646
Application No.: 09/142,471) Examiner: E. O'Hara
Filed: November 4, 1998)
For: CONJUGATE FOR MODIFYING)
INTERACTIONS BETWEEN)
PROTEINS)

RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In Response to the Communication mailed May 2, 2000 in regard to the subject application, applicant respectfully elects IL-6 from the group of cytokines.

Applicant, however, respectfully requests consideration of all groups of cytokines, since breaking the application up into a variety of groups, would place an undue burden upon applicant.

Should the Examiner have any questions or helpful suggestions, a telephone call to the applicant's undersigned representative would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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